lasl several years. Governraeni is examining various proposals to deal will, (he problem of IISCO incurring heavy losses.

**Handling $_0$f drills $^b$V coal division of Geological Survey of India**

2463. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will Ihe Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to stale:

(a) the number of Drills attached arid handled by Coal Division of Geological Survey of India and their State-wise deve-
, lopment;

(b) how many Directors (Geology) connected with geological investigation for coal resources are attached ;o Coal Division and where they are stationed:

(c) what is the number of geological investigations being carried out by Coal Division at present; and

(d) whelher it is a fact that all Directors are operating from one stall one if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL. MINI'S AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a| There aie 51 drills attached to Ihe Coal Division of Geological Survey of " India. Their Siate-wise deployment is as follows:—

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| Andhra Pradesh ... | 7 |
| Arunachal Pradesh ... | 1 |
| Assam ..... | I |
| Bihar ..... | II |
| Madhya Pradesh . . . | l2 |
| Maharashtra .... | 1 |
| Meghalaya .... | 1 |
| Orissa ..... | 5 |
| Tamil Nu du .... | 2 |
| Wcsl Bengal . . . | "> |

In addition 2 drills from Western Region are deployed in Rajasthan Lignite Investigation.

(b) Theie are 9 Directors (Geology) connected with geological activities in Coal Wing of Geological Survey of India. I he Headquarters of these Directors is .a Calcutta.

ui Hie Coal Wing of GSI is carrying out 53 geological investigations -during the current Field Season.

Idl Ihe Headquarter of Ihe Directors of c oal Wing is at Calcutta. This is for the purpose of achieving close coordination with the Deputy Direeto,- General (Coal) who is stationed at Calcutta. (le.-.ihle programme of exploration strategy ai d clos.; iiiteraction between all Coal Directorates and the main user agency viz.. Coal lndia Limiied.

**Regularisation of contingent workers in the coal division *a)!* GSI**

2464. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Wilj ihe Minisler of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contingent workers appointed prior to 31st December, 1969 who are yet to be absorbed in regular posts in Coal Division of Geological Survey of lndia and the reasons lov not regularising their services even after a period of 16 years; and

(b) the number of contingent workers regularised between lst .lanuary. 1971) arid 31st December, 1984 and their dates of appointment in contingent establishment?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL. MINES AND COAL (SHRT VASANT SATHE): (a) There are at present 18 contingent workers in the Coal Division of the Geological Survey of India who were engaged prior to 31.12.1969 who are yet to he absorbed in regular posts. The reasons fcr Iheir non-regularisation is that som- of Ihem did not accept the posts effered to them to be regularised in. while others were found unsuitable for regularisation it: spite of several chances given through interviews.

(b) A total of 172 contingent workers were regularised between lst January. 1970 and 3 J si December. 1984. These